

May 24, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5785.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for foreign assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 97, to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance, after receiving testimony from Mark James, Deputy Director, Intelligence Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of the Treasury; Howard P. Berkowitz, Anti-Defamation League, Washington, D.C.; Peter H. Nickerson, N2H2, Seattle, Washington; and Mark Potok, Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery, Alabama.

COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on issues relating to the commercial space launch industry, after receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. Robert C. Hinson, Commander, 14th Air Force/Component Commander, United States Air Force Space Command; Keith Calhoun-Senghor, Director, Office of Space Commercialization, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; Lori Garver, Associate Administrator for Policy and Plans, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Patricia Grace Smith, Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; D. Andrew Beal, Beal Aerospace Technologies, Inc., Frisco, Texas; Hoyt Davidson, Donaldson, Lufkin, and Jenrette Securities Corporation, New York, New York; John W. Douglass, Aerospace Industries Association of America, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Gale Schluter, Boeing Company, Arlington, Virginia; Peter B. Teets, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Bethesda, Maryland; and Stephen G. Wurst, Space Access, Palmdale, California.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held open and closed hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, receiving testimony from Notra Trulock, III, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Intelligence, and Edward Curran, Director, Office of Counterintelligence, both of the Department of Energy; Neil Gallagher, Assistant Director, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and James Baker, Deputy Counsel for Intelligence Operations, Office of Intelligence Policy and Review, both of the Department of Justice.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH ALLIANCE ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation concluded hearings on S. 348, to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, after receiving testimony from Donald Allen, E.T. Lawson, Hampton, Virginia, on behalf of the National Oilheat Research Alliance; and John Huber, Petroleum Marketers Association of America, Arlington, Virginia.

GASOLINE SULFUR STANDARDS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed sulfur standard for gasoline as contained in the proposed Tier Two standards for automobiles, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, and Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government, with an amendment;

S. 468, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public, with amendments;

S. 712, to amend title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for highway-rail grade crossing safety through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps;

H.R. 858, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to extend coverage under the whistleblower protection provisions of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to personnel of the courts of the District of Columbia, with an amendment;

S. 1072, to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.);

S. 335, to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to games of chance, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Stephen H. Glickman and Eric T. Washington, each to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Hiram E. Puig Lugo, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and John T. Spotila, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded closed oversight hearings on the national security methods and processes relating to the Wen-Ho Lee espionage investigation, after receiving testimony from certain protected witnesses.

AUTHORIZATION—ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, receiving testimony from Senators Cochran and Shelby; Cassandra D. Washington, Mississippi Educational Network, Jackson; Robert T. Coonrod, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Ralph Nadar, Commercial Alert, and Father Peter Weigand, St. Anselm's Abbey School, all of Washington, D.C.; Linda Wood, South King-

ston High School, Wakefield, Rhode Island; Arthur White, Stamford, Connecticut, and Nedra Whitted, Chicago, Illinois, both on behalf of Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.; Diane Berreth, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Alexandria, Virginia; Phyllis Schlafly, Eagle Forum, St. Louis, Missouri; and Paul Folkemer, Channel One Network, New York, New York.

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 555, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to continue payment of monthly educational assistance benefits to veterans enrolled at educational institutions during periods between terms if the interval between such periods does not exceed eight weeks, S. 695, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area, S. 940, to provide a temporary authority for the use of voluntary separation incentives by the Department of Veterans Affairs to reduce employment levels, restructure staff, and S. 1076, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing health care, education, and other benefits for veterans, to authorize major medical facility projects, to reform eligibility for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, after receiving testimony from Senator Conrad; Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Health, Veterans Health Administration, Nora Egan, Deputy Under Secretary for Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Roger R. Rapp, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick T. Henry, Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and John C. Metzler, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, both of the Department of the Army; Jacqueline Garrick, American Legion, Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, Harley Thomas, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Rick Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Peter S. Gaytan, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.